

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – March 4, 2009**

Call to Order of the March 4, 2009, Meeting

Chairman Wotkowski called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 3:45 PM at the Altoona Area School Corporate Office Board Room. Present were: Raymond Wotkowski, Kenneth Bussard, Ralph Cecere Jr., Kim Hubler, Thomas Kakabar, Norman Krumenacker, Kathy Getz, Dean Rossi, David Crumrine, Charles Glasser, Donald Hosterman, Michael Hudak, Vince Nedimyer, James Price, Curtis Whitesel and Kenneth Salem.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Ralph Cecere, the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Thomas Kakabar and Michael Hudak, the Committee unanimously approved the February 2009 Financial Report.

On a motion by Thomas Kakabar and Michael Hudak, the Committee approved the football reimbursements, with 30% going to each school that was in the championships and 40% to PIAA District 6.

A motion was made by Kenneth Bussard and Vince Nedimyer for the approval to purchase a new printer for the secretary/treasurer.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is something that is taught, modeled and reinforced.

Michael Hudak and Kathy Getz reviewed the below-listed disqualification forms.

JH Boys Basketball	Somerset	Coach	2 unsporting comments
Wrestling	Tyrone	Player	biting opponent's hand
Boys Basketball	Blacklick	Player	2 unsporting behavior
Boys Basketball	Blacklick	Player	2 unsporting profanity
Boys Basketball	Blacklick	Coach	unsporting opponent
JV Girls Basketball	Portage	Player	punched opponent

Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by Norman Krumenacker and Kenneth Bussard, Carling Graham, transferring from Westmont Hilltop to Bishop McCort, was granted eligibility to participate in sports at Bishop McCort, with a vote of 16-0.

On a motion by James Price and Kathy Getz, Sean Lenhart, transferring from Laurel Valley to Bishop McCort, was granted eligibility to participate in sports at Bishop McCort, with a vote of 16-0.

On a motion by Vince Nedimyer and Dean Rossi, Delaney Caracciolo, transferring from Central to Bishop Guilfoyle, was granted eligibility to participate in sports at Bishop Guilfoyle, with a vote of 16-0.

On a motion by Kim Hubler and David Crumrine, Nathaniel Philips, transferring from Laurel High School to Indian Valley, was granted eligibility to participate in sports at Indian Valley, with a vote of 16-0.

Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings

The following foreign exchange students were approved to participate in sports for the 2008-09 calendar year.

On a motion by Kathy Getz and James Price, Nadine Mildner, from Germany, is eligible to participate in sports at Forest Hills.

On a motion by Kenneth Bussard and Donald Hosterman, Arina Waehama, from Thailand, is eligible to participate in sports at Hollidaysburg.

Communications

2008-2009 Sportsmanship Awards: The District 6 Committee is requesting that each member school submit the names of one male and one female, senior athlete that exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship. Two male and two female athletes will be selected through a lottery drawing to receive one of four, five-hundred dollar scholarships from the District 6 Committee. Schools will be provided with medals and may choose to present the awards as they deem appropriate. Please send the names of the athletes to Michael Hudak at PO Box 973, Johnstown, PA 15907 or submit by email at Michael.p.Hudak@usps.gov. Please keep in mind that the PIAA state sportsmanship program, "Sportsmanship, The only Missing Piece is You" will still be awarded to any senior high or middle school that exemplifies leadership in developing sportsmanship in their programs. A banner will be presented in recognition of any selected school. The \$1000.00 award will no longer be issued, as \$2000.00 will be awarded to four students instead.

The Mandatory Annual dinner meeting for PIAA District 6 is scheduled for April 15, 2009, at the Blair County Convention Center at 6:00 PM. Reservation forms have been sent and Ballots will be mailed. District Six Board Member, Vince Nidemyer is retiring in June, which will create an opening for a Senior High Principal Representative position this spring.

Vince Nidemyer has served the district committee well in his tenure on the board. His efforts and contributions are appreciated and we wish him a long and healthy retirement. Vince served as the Football Chairman for four years and served as the Vice Chair of District Six for two years. Any senior high principal who is interested in running for this representative position must submit a recommendation letter, on school letterhead, to Sherry Montgomery at 275 Montgomery Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635 by March 4, 2009.

Chairman Wotkowski received a letter from Tina Hazelet, Vice Principal/Athletic Director at Laurel Valley Middle/High School, regarding an incident at the boy's varsity basketball game on February 13, 2009. After discussion, the committee's initial action was to contact the principal at Saltsburg, have Saltsburg conduct an investigation and report back to the District 6 Committee with his findings on the incident.

Chairman Wotkowski received a letter from Somerset Superintendent, Dr. Pastrick, in reference to the Somerset, Johnstown championship basketball game played at Saint Francis College. The letter was discussed and referred to Chairman Wotkowski for appropriate action.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and James Price, the District 6 Committee accepted the actions of the principal at Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School and commends Mr. McDermott for his immediate action, following the unsportsmanlike behavior that a player exhibited during the February 19th boy's basketball game between Blacklick Valley and Conemaugh Valley.

Information

Tyrone Area High School will add boys' tennis as a club sport this spring.

The WPIAL voted to conditionally accept Altoona Area Senior High School and Hollidaysburg Area High School as associates' members in the sport of football only beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. The District Seven approval is contingent upon the State maintaining the current four classifications in football.

The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Blair County Convention Center at 6:00 PM.

(The regular business meeting will be held at 4:00 followed by the mandatory meeting, which begins at 6:00.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer